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SUBJ: EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL EXCHANGE:

NOMINATIONS FOR FY'75 INTERNATIONAL VISITORS

PROGRAM: NOMINATION OF MR. ISTVAN ORKENY

FOR IV GRANT

REF: STATE 131528; B. STATE 132270

1. IN REPLY REF. A POST SUBMITS ONE NOMINATION VIA THIS MESSAGE WITH RESPONSE TO QUESTION ABOUT JOZSEF HORANYI REF. B TO BE SENT BY COB JUNE 13.

2. THE QUESTION OF MAKING AN INDIVIDUAL IV GRANT NOMINATION FROM HUNGARY WITHIN CONTEXT OF AVAILABLE FY'75 FUNDS REF. A WAS DISCUSSED EXTENSIVELY WITH KKI WITH VIEW OF NOT DISTURBING EMERGING AGREEMENT, NOW NEARLY COMPLETE, TO PROCEED WITH TEN INDIVIDUAL IV GRANTS TO HUNGARY IN FY'76 FOR FIRST TIME IN RECENT YEARS. THE NOMINATION SUBMITTED HERewith IS PROBABLY ONLY ONE WHICH ON ONE HAND SERVES A DEFINITE POST OBJECTIVE AND AT SAME TIME AVOIDS SETTING PRECEDENT WHICH KKI WOULD AVOID AT ALL COSTS PARTICULARLY TO INITIATE INDIVIDUAL IV PROGRAM, NAMELY APPROVAL OF GRANTEE SELECTED BY POST.

3. DEPT. MAY BE AWARE THAT ARENA STAGE WILL PRESENT BEGINNING DECEMBER 1975 A PLAY BY HUNGARY'S FOREMOST

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PLAYWRIGHT ISTVAN ORKENY, THE FIRST TIME TO POST'S

KNOWLEDGE THAT A MAJOR WORK BY A PLAYWRIGHT LIVING IN HUNGARY WILL BE PRESENTED IN U.S. SINCE W.W.II. SINCE THIS EVENT IS OF MAJOR IMPORTANCE TO HUNGARIAN SIDE, IT PROVIDES USEFUL HANDLE TO APPROVE PARTICIPATION IN 30-DAY GRANT WITH PRIVISO THAT PROGRAM INCLUDE ORKENY'S ATTENDANCE AT PREMIERE OF PLAY IN WASHINGTON.

4. FROM POST STANDPOINT, AWARDING GRANT TO ORKENY, A MAN OF UNQUESTIONED NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL REPUTATION IN HUNGARY'S LITERARY COMMUNITY, WOULD BE EXCELLENT WAY TO BEGIN AN IV PROGRAM WITH THIS SECTOR, IN SPITE OF FACT THAT ORKENY HIMSELF SOMEWHAT ABOVE AGE OF IDEAL IV CANDIDATE UNDER NORMAL CIRCUMSTANCES.

5. PART I - NOMINATION - JUSTIFICATION

1. NAME: ISTVAN ORKENY
2. PURPOSE: STUDY OF AMERICAN THEATER AND LITERARY LIFE
3. CATEGORY OF GRANT: CODE 210, INDIVIDUAL
4. TENTATIVE VISA ELIGIBILITY: CONSULAR SECTION HAS NO INFORMATION ON RECORD TO INDICATE INELIGIBILITY
5. JUSTIFICATION: SEE PARAS. 2-4
6. AVAILABILITY DATES: NOVEMBER-DECEMBER 1975

PART II - BIOGRAPHIC DATA

1. PRESENT POSITION: PLAYWRIGHT
2. PERSONAL DATA:

DATE OF BIRTH: APRIL 5, 1912

PLACE OF BIRTH: BUDAPEST, HUNGARY

CITIZENSHIP: HUNGARIAN

MARITAL STATUS: MARRIED

SEX: MALE

EDUCATION: CHEMICAL ENGINEERING DEGREE

MAJOR PLAYS: "THE TOTH FAMILY," "CAT'S PLAY," "ONE-MINUTE STORIES," "THE RAILWAY".

ADDRESS: PASARETI U. 39

EMERGENCY ADDRESS: SAME AS ABOVE.

LANGUAGES: FLUENT IN ENGLISH

PART III - PROGRAM INFORMATION

PROGRAM SHOULD INCLUDE VISITS TO MAJOR THEATERS IN NEW YORK, WASHINGTON, SAN FRANCISCO, HOUSTON MINNEAPOLIS, MEETINGS WITH PLAYWRIGHTS,

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DIRECTORS AND ACTORS, AND ATTENDANCE AT PLAYS. ONE OR TWO VISITS TO PRESTIGIOUS UNIVERSITY DRAMA DEPARTMENTS SHOULD BE INCLUDED. ORKENY ALSO INTERESTED IN MORE GENERAL VISITS TO ILLUSTRATE NATURE OF US SOCIETY AND PARTICULARLY STATUS OF WRITERS.

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